Funds released for various schemes for North-East States

3184. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to State:

(a) the amount released during the Eighth Five Year Plan to the North East States on Statewise basis by the Department of Wastelands Development for implementation of its five different schemes;

(b) the projects implemented by the Agricultural Universities, ICAR Institute, State Forest Department, NGO (with names) with amounts so far released specially for Manipur; and

(c) whether Government have any contemplation to evolve the local member of Parliament to monitor the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOWDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

Number of NTC mills and workers

3185. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Textiles Corporation (NTC) mills alongwith the number of workers working therein, State-wise;

(b) the total capital invested by the Central Government in these mills and the total amount of losses incurred upto March, 1998;

(c) the present status of the revival package; and

(d) the amount spent for revival and modernisation of these mills during the last two years and the funds earmarked for the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) NTC had 85860 workers in its 199 mills as on 31.3.98. Number of mills and number of workers employed therein State-wise are given in Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The Government have invested a share capital of Rs. 512.10 crores in the National Textile Corporation Ltd. The cumulative net losses of the NTC are Rs. 5268.66 crores (Prov.) as on 31.3.98.

(c) On the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around strategy for the viable mills of NTC, keeping in view the BIFR norm of the net worth of these mills turning positive, within the period prescribed by BIFR. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the revival plan.

(d) No funds have been released to NTC for revival and modernisation during the last two years. No funds have been earmarked during the current financial year for modernisation/revival of NTC mills.

Statement

Total number of NTC mills alongwith workers on roll as on 31.03.98.

S. No.	State	No. of Mills	Workers on roll
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6	1194
2.	Karnataka	4	3234
3.	Kerala	5	3384
4.	Punjab	4	2504
5.	Rajasthan	4	1796
6.	Gujarat	11	8772
7.	Madhya Pradesh	7	8691
8.	Maharashtra	35	21812
9.	Tamil Nadu	13	6959
10.	Pondicherry	3	1588
11.	Uttar Pradesh	11	11555
12.	West Bengal	12	3121
13.	Assam	1	184
14.	Bihar	2	669
15.	Orissa	1	397
	TOTAL	119	85860